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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Executive Summary

This memorandum contains reports on the following:

- **Status of County-Sponsored Legislation**
 - **County-sponsored SB 1008 (Lara)** - related to the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) project, passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on June 13, 2016.
- **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**
 - **County-supported SB 32 (Pavley)** - related to greenhouse gas emission limits, was amended on June 10, 2016. As amended, the bill would retain the requirement for the California Air Resources Board to approve a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit that is equivalent to 40 percent below the 1990 level to be achieved by 2030. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy to support legislation which would extend California's efforts to combat climate change by setting interim and long-range targets for reducing GHG emissions, **the Sacramento advocates will continue to support SB 32.**

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- **Informational Hearing on Oversight of Lead Testing and Cleanup Around Exide.** On June 9, 2016, the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee held a follow up informational hearing, in East Los Angeles, on the lead testing and cleanup plans of the impacted communities surrounding the Exide Technologies battery recycling facility.

Status of County-Sponsored Legislation

County-sponsored SB 1008, which as amended on April 27, 2016, would: 1) provide an extension of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) project's current California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption from January 1, 2017 until January 1, 2020; 2) provide that the CEQA exemption, if granted, would not apply to school, cultural, sacred, or fire station sites; and 3) require the LA-RICS Joint Powers Authority to hold a public hearing before making a determination that an individual project site is exempt from CEQA, file notices of the exemption with the State Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk, and post information regarding the environmental review processes on its website, passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee by a vote of 8 to 1 on June 13, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Local Government Committee.

Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-supported SB 32 (Pavley), which as amended on September 10, 2015, would: 1) require the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to approve statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emission limits equivalent to 40 percent below the 1990 level by 2030; 2) state the intent for the Legislature and appropriate agencies to adopt complementary economic, public health, energy, water, and resource management practices that ensure the long-term emission reductions adopted are pursuant to the 2030 and 2050 limits; 3) prohibit CARB from taking any action to implement the next update of the Scoping Plan that describes the approach California will take to reduce greenhouse gases until a draft and final version have been submitted to the Legislature before adoption; and 4) require the Legislature to hold at least one oversight hearing to review both the draft and final version of the scoping plan, was amended on June 10, 2016.

As amended, SB 32 retains the requirement for CARB to approve a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit that is equivalent to 40 percent below the 1990 level to be achieved by 2030. Additionally, the measure also provides that the bill's provisions are severable. The remaining original provisions of the bill were removed.

The current version of SB 32 would still set an interim target for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, as established by Governor Brown's executive order (S-3-05). Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy to support legislation which would extend California's efforts to combat climate change by setting interim and long-range targets for reducing GHG emissions, **the Sacramento advocates will continue to support SB 32.**

SB 32 is pending a hearing in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Informational Hearing on Oversight of Lead Testing and Cleanup Around Exide

On June 9, 2016, the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee (ESTM), held an informational hearing in East Los Angeles on the status of the lead sampling and cleanup of the communities surrounding the now-shuttered Exide Technologies battery recycling facility in the City of Vernon. ESTM Chair Assembly Member Luis Alejo was joined by Los Angeles County Assembly delegates Miguel Santiago, Jimmy Gomez, Cristina Garcia and Patty Lopez.

Opening remarks were provided by Supervisor Solis and representatives from the offices of California Assembly Speaker, Anthony Rendon, Congress Member Xavier Becerra, Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti, and Councilmember Jose Huizar. Multiple panels testified regarding the status of the State's and County's efforts, including: Cynthia Harding and Angelo Bellomo of the Department of Public Health; and Barbara Lee, Director of the California Department of Toxic and Substances Control, the State agency responsible for overseeing the sampling and cleanup.

In addition, a panel on the community's perspective included representatives from several community organizations. During this panel and public comment, community members raised several concerns, most notably that: 1) the \$176.6 million allocated by the State for lead remediation of the surrounding communities was insufficient to address the needs of the community and more resources were necessary; 2) the 1.7 mile radius established by the State as the focus area for sampling and cleanup needed to be expanded for further assessment; 3) communication with the community must be improved; and 4) community engagement and involvement must be a priority.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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